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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kenichi HIGASHIYAMA et al.

Application No.: 10/591,316

Filed: June 27, 2007

For: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
ASTAXANTHIN-CONTAINING LIPIDS

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) Confirmation No.: 9446

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) Group Art Unit: 1651

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) Examiner: Sheridan R. Macauley

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2008, Applicants submit the following response. A Petition for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee are attached herewith extending the period of response until April 13, 2009, because April 11th falls on a Saturday. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the response in view of the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.